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LAND OWNER LIABLE FOR 'BACK YARD' TRAILER

There has been an increasing number of trailer coaches being allowed to park in people's back yards and also in unlicensed tracts of land. The State Department of Industrial Relations, through its Division of Housing, has announced that it intends to invoke the penal sections of the Health and Safety Code to eliminate such unlawful tenancy.

The Health and Safety Code defines an auto and trailer park to be an area or tract of land where space is rented or held out for rent to the owners and users of even one trailer coach. To avoid such illegal occupancy, the owner of the land must comply with all the provisions of the Health and Safety Code and obtain a permit, either to construct an auto and trailer park or to operate same, from the Division of Housing.

It is unlawful for the owner of an auto and trailer park to accept as a tenant, or to continue the tenancy of, the owner of a trailer coach which does not bear a current yearly license issued by any state mo-

Senness Closing Out Tracts In Other Cities

Final sales of "Homes of Tomorrow" dwellings in Hawthorne are expected to be made within two weeks, K. Sande Senness, president of Senness & Yoder, Inc., builders, 1413 Hawthorne Blvd., Hawthorne, announced.

Senness is the purchaser of Weston Ranch where he is planning to erect 1,800 residential units, with construction expected to start in July.

The builder reported that he has but four residences left of more than 200 erected in Hawthorne.

He is completing his last five in Manhattan Beach, and the final 18 in Lawndale.

RAT'S TEETH GROWTH

A rat's four incisor teeth grow over 20 inches a year, or more than 5 inches per tooth. Rats must do a lot of gnawing to keep their teeth worn down to usable length.

RAT POPULATION

We are feeding more rats than people. Rats are more numerous than the human population — an estimated 140 million persons — in the United States today.



MASTER . . . Chess champion Pete Petersen, 1935 W. 254th street, ponders a crucial move in age-old game of skillful maneuver. (Lomita News photo by Arthur Willey).

Auto License Fees In 1949 To Be Lower

A substantial reduction in 1949 license fees for the great majority of California motorists is now assured with the signing by Governor Earl Warren of Senate Bill No. 50.

The new amendment to the Vehicle License Fee Act, provides for a schedule of depreciation allowances according to the age of the vehicle. Previously, since Jan. 1, 1943, motorists had been required to pay the same amount of "in-lieu" taxes annually, regardless of depreciated values.

All cars henceforth will be assessed in relation to their original California advertised sales prices and depreciations will be allowed as follows:

First year, 85 per cent of California sales price; second year, 70 per cent; third year, 55 per cent; fourth year, 40 per cent; fifth year, 30 per cent; sixth year, 25 per cent; seventh year, 15 per cent; eighth year, 10 per cent; ninth year or later, 5 per cent. These taxes will be computed on the basis of \$2 per \$100 assessed value. Minimum vehicle license fees of \$1 and registration fees of \$6 remain unchanged.

Because of the non-production of autos during the war years, 1942, '43, '44 and '45, vehicles will be classified as 1945 sales for the purposes of tax computation, the Auto Club explains. By similar computation, 1941 models will be deemed 1944 sales; 1940 models, 1943 sales; 1939 models, 1942 sales; 1938 models, 1941 sales.

License officials predict that the new legislation will save California motorists approximately \$7,000,000 in vehicle license fees next year.

WEIGHT OF RATS
 The average adult rat weighs three-quarters of a pound, the heaviest reported was 25 ounces. Average length is 16 to 18 inches including the tail.

AXE EARLY TOOL
 The axe was one of the first tools designed by primitive man.

CHESS CHAMP FURNISHES TIPS ON AGE-OLD GAME

Throwing such terms as "Ray Lopez" and "pawn en passant" around with reckless abandon, a Lomitan named Pete Petersen this week spoke on the subject of a somewhat complicated pastime called chess.

And Pete could speak with a certain amount of authority, as he just won the San Pedro City championship, sponsored by the San Pedro Chess Club.

For those who think that "paw" is just something you do when you're short of cash, Pete had the following advice:

"If you want to learn the game," confided Pete, "You should learn by playing with a stronger competitor."

Although Pete didn't say so, he probably had an idea that such "stronger competitors" might be found in the San Pedro club, which meets every Wednesday night at Anderson Memorial and is currently soliciting memberships.

The San Pedro champion also had another tip—that is if you don't mind tearing yourself away from the fannies:

"Get yourself a book explaining the moves and tactics of the game," said Petersen, with the swift assurance that, after all, the game's easy.

Pete, a longshoreman by trade, defeated Paul Shaw of Wilmington last week in two out of three games to end three months of weekly contests for the title.

After 45 minutes of hushed endeavor in the final game—conversation hinged as apt during a championship chess contest as during the backswing in a golf match—Pete managed to checkmate runner up Paul Shaw of Wilmington. In recognition of the fact, Pete will have his name inscribed on the club's trophy.

Petersen began his chess career some 20 years ago in Long Beach and, aside from defeating his teacher, didn't make much progress for a few summers.

"Then, I got a book, learned a few openings and end-game tactics, and improved considerably."

Petersen plays a conservative game and admits he is occasionally thwarted by unorthodox tactics.

He also doesn't set much store with many of the so-called "blind-fold" and "30 games at once" artists.

"You'll find that most of these players who perform blindfolded or play many persons at once use a system. Once they are thrown off the beaten track with an unexpected maneuver, they can be beaten."

New County Fire Station

Dedication of the new \$27,000 County fire station on Carson st. west of Avalon blvd. will be held May 3 at 10:30 a.m.

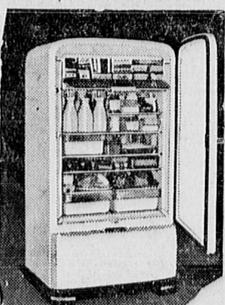
Inspection of the new 30 by 60-foot reinforced concrete building will be permitted May 12, according to Asst. Chief Ted C. Loggins.

Battalion Chief George Bartling pointed out that when the new station is placed in operation, it will eliminate the long 10-mile run of fire equipment to this area from the nearest Willowbrook station.

A \$20,000 Seagrave fire engine capable of pumping 1000 gallons a minute has been ordered for the new station.

Six men commanded by Captains Jess Bartlett and Herbert Hayes will provide two shifts around the clock for the new fire house.

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